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## IMPROVEMENTS IN CAR SERVICE

STREET CAR SYSTEM IS BEING  
BROUGHT UP TO DATE AND  
MANY IMPROVEMENTS  
ARE TO BE MADE.

New Company is Making Prepara-  
tions to Handle a Large Num-  
ber of Passengers During  
State Encampment.

The new owners of the electric light plant and street car system are by no means communicative regarding contemplated improvements, but on the other hand seem to believe in "sitting still and sawing wood." The term "sawing wood" is used in its literal sense, as the company has a large force of men sawing cross ties for two new loops that are to be built. One of these loops is to be located at the Mobile & Ohio depot, so that cars can turn around for the return trip after reaching the end of the line instead of having the trolley reversed, as has been necessary heretofore, and the second loop is at the eastern terminus of the line. This loop is to be formed by the construction of a track from Washington Park northward to the baseball park, where it will connect with the main line. This loop will enable sightseers who wish to view the soldiers in camp to do so without leaving the cars, which will make a complete circuit of the encampment grounds. The cars, after passing the encampment grounds and the baseball park, will continue to Lake Park, where they will circle the loop and return to the city on the main line. Work on both the loops described above is now in progress and will be completed by the first of August.

At Lake Park many improvements are under way. A large force of laborers are at work cutting out the weeds and giving the place a thorough cleaning. Mr. Greenland, the general manager of the company, says that he's going to make Lake Park one of the most attractive resorts to be found anywhere in the country. Its natural advantages are admittedly unsurpassable, and it is the intention of the company to devote special attention to the development of this splendid property.

A minor improvement, or rather a safeguard against accidents which is badly needed, is the installation of an arc light at the point on College street where the street car track crosses the track of the Southern Railway. Heretofore there has been a cluster of incandescent lights at this point, but the current is so powerful that they are continually burning out, in consequence of which the crossing has been in utter darkness about one-half of the time. It has been decided to erect an arc light at the College street crossing, and the light will be placed in position as soon as a wire can be run from the plant.

Several new cars will be purchased at once. Mr. Watson, the president of the company, is now in the East, and will have these cars shipped in time to reach here before the encampment. It is said that the company will undoubtedly extend the line, but with the improvements mentioned above, which must necessarily be completed before the encampment begins, the officials have their hands full, and the matter of extending the line will not be taken up until the work already mapped out has been completed.

### Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Columbus Building & Savings Association which was held Friday night, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: C. F. Sherrod, Battle Bell, John A. Stinson, L. A. Vaughn, E. C. Grace, E. S. Moore, J. H. Keaton. The directors elected the following officers: C. F. Sherrod, president; Battle Bell, vice-president; I. H. Sykes, secretary and treasurer; and Newnan Cayce, attorney.

The secretary and treasurer submitted his annual report, which showed the affairs of the association to be in excellent condition. In order that the stockholders may see the exact condition of the affairs of the association this report will be published at a later date.

Mr. L. B. Sharp of Ethelville spent Thursday in the city. While here he was a welcome caller at this office.

### Bankhead Nominated.

Montgomery, Ala., July 10.—The caucus for nomination of a senator to succeed the late John T. Morgan drew the two houses almost solid to the capitol tonight. Evidence of the popularity of Bankhead, nominated practically without opposition, was everywhere apparent. He was cheered lustily when he entered the hall, and later during his speech received cordial expressions of approval from the members. There was enthusiastic applause when the new senator spoke feelingly of the aid and support of his wife, crediting her with that mead of success which had come to him in his public and private life. It was noted by many as a coincidence that Bankhead earnestly condemned government operation of railroads within a few hours after a Bryan State club had been organized for the purpose of carrying the State for the Nebraskan for president. Bankhead urged that the adoption of the policy by the nation means the death of the nation. He regards that such a move would be eminently disastrous.

In his capacity as member of the State Roads Association committee, the new Senator Bankhead moved with his fellows today for State aid for good roads, and in his speech heartily endorsed State and National aid for the highways. His tribute to the late Senator Morgan was one of the most touching of the many paid since the death of this great statesman, and made him many friends. His plea for fair treatment for capital met hearty approval of the business men; his plan for suppression of trusts was in line with current thought, and his earnest endorsement of the work of the present legislature for schools struck responsive chords in the hearts of all factions of the assembled multitude.

Chairman Long, of the house caucus, refused to vote for Bankhead, not regarding him in line with the dominant element of the party or a representative of the sentiment of the legislature. He voted for Reed Bains of Opelika.

### Governor Vardaman Explains.

Gov. Vardaman has issued the following statement in regard to resolutions adopted by the Meridian board of trade in connection with the recent debate between the governor and Hon. John Sharp Williams in that city:

"My attention having been called to a special to the Commercial Appeal from Meridian, Miss., where the board of trade of Meridian passed resolutions taking exceptions to the publication of the correspondence between Mr. Neville and myself relative to the joint debate and my comments thereon. I desire to say that what I gave to the public will show that I made and had no reference to the members of the board of trade, but that I referred alone to Mr. Neville, who as shown by the resolutions themselves, seems to have alone conducted the negotiations for the debate for the board of trade, and I should not have published the correspondence or made any comment thereon but for the fact that Mr. Neville was reported to have said, when he came out of my room on the morning of the Fourth, that he had my agreement in black and white, and that he was going to insist that it be carried out, which meant that I was trying to break away from my agreement, thus implying bad faith on my part, when he knew that I had only insisted on the carrying out of the terms as shown by the correspondence already published.

"In order to show exactly what I had agreed to and that I was not guilty of breaking any agreement, I deemed it but just and right to let it be known what the real truth was, hence had the correspondence published. I made no charge of misstatement on the part of the board of trade, nor that they had anything whatever to do with censoring the press dispatches. However, many of the press dispatches were so grossly incorrect as to bear the ear marks of having been censored by some one, as all who heard the debate must have known.

"With this statement I do not propose to take any further notice of the matter, but will leave to an impartial public to draw its own conclusions from the facts."

### Announcement.

The friends of Major Battle Bell and the people generally announce him as a candidate for supervisor of District No. 2.

## COUNTY TRUCK GROWERS MEET

TRUCK GROWERS OF LOWNDEN  
COUNTY MET HERE SATUR-  
DAY FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF ORGANIZING.

Capt. W. C. McClure is Taking the  
Initiative and is Working Hard  
to Make a Success of This  
Deserving Enterprise.

In response to a call from Capt. W. C. McClure, manager of the local mill of the Refuge Cotton Oil Company, quite a number of farmers met at the city hall yesterday morning for the purpose of discussing plans looking toward the organization of a truck growers' association. Capt. McClure opened the meeting with an interesting address in which he presented some very valuable information concerning truck farming. He told his audience frankly that he was interested in the project from a financial standpoint, because his company manufactures fertilizers, which, he said, are essential to successful truck farming.

Capt. McClure stated that in order to present the matter to the farmers of Lowndes county in a practical form, he had instructed Capt. J. A. Hudson, an employee of the local mill, to go to Humboldt, Tenn., which is one of the largest shipping points in this section for fruits and vegetables, and familiarize himself with the methods employed in growing and shipping tomatoes, cabbages, potatoes and other vegetables which are sold in carload lots to produce merchants in the large cities.

Capt. Hudson was present at the meeting, and gave a detailed account of his trip to Humboldt. He said that he visited various truck farms in the vicinity and then inspected the sheds where the vegetables are sold to representatives of large produce merchants. It was thought at first the farmers here would have to build sheds in which to store the vegetables for inspection by the buyers, but Mr. Hudson stated that this would not be necessary, as the railroads would provide sheds here just as they have done in Humboldt. In that city the farmers carry their vegetables to the sheds, where they are inspected and classed. The farmers do not have to wait for their money, but are given checks immediately, just as the cotton buyer gives checks for cotton upon delivery of the warehouse receipts.

Capt. Hudson presented some very attractive figures showing what had been accomplished by the truck growers residing in the neighborhood contiguous to Humboldt. Last season they shipped 222 carloads of tomatoes, for which they received \$92,402, and in addition to this received large sums from cabbages, potatoes and other vegetables. He told of one farmer who last year received \$1060 for cabbages alone. The amount expended in growing and marketing these cabbages was \$125, leaving the farmer a net profit of \$935.

The farmers were very much interested in the figures presented by Capt. Hudson, and are determined to engage in truck growing on a large scale next season. With that end in view, temporary organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: M. V. Friday, president; J. E. Slaughter, vice-president; J. A. Hudson, secretary and treasurer. There will be another meeting at a later date, at which permanent organization will be effected and plans for truck farming on a large scale next year will be mapped out.

### Meeting of New Hope Presbytery.

The New Hope Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will convene at Beersheba church next Saturday, July 20th, and will remain in session until the following Tuesday. On Saturday and Sunday there will be all day services and dinner will be served on the grounds. The people of the neighborhood, with characteristic hospitality, have volunteered to open their homes for the entertainment of visitors, and there will be ample accommodations and a cordial welcome for all who desire to attend. Rev. C. M. Zwingler, Rev. J. H. Bell and Mr. R. M. Nickles will attend the session of the Presbytery as delegates from the local church.

Mrs. Charles A. Wakefield and little daughter are spending a few days with the former's father, Mr. O. P. Manning, at Gordo.

### To Oust Saloons.

A recent Jackson special says: An interesting report is current in political circles that the leaders of the several movements to secure changes in the Mississippi constitution are preparing to combine forces to put their measures through the next legislative assembly, and failing in this they will concentrate their efforts to secure a constitutional convention.

Following the theory that union is strength, the Mississippi anti-saloon league, whose leaders held a conference in Jackson recently and declared for statutory and constitutional prohibition, could be of material aid to the forces that are fighting for a new legislative apportionment, an elective judiciary system, and a better method of tax equalization. These four subjects will attract more attention in the next legislature than all other measures combined, and many legislators will be elected on pledges to support one or all of these proposed amendments to the organic law.

The northern counties are expected to fight the proposition for more equitable apportionment, but a majority of the lawmakers from that section will be found arrayed, as they have always been in the past, in favor of prohibition. To reconcile this conflict will be a rather troublesome task, but the leaders of each proposed constitutional change can doubtless find a common ground on which to conduct their respective campaigns in such a manner as one measure will not jeopardize the success of another.

The declaration of the Mississippi anti-saloon league for statutory and constitutional prohibition is not a surprise. It has been generally known for several months that this demand would be made, and the adoption of yesterday's resolution was but preliminary to an aggressive campaign that will be waged against the open saloon.

Instead of having the local option fights in the few counties where saloons still exist, the prohibitionists have decided to put them out of business with one fell swoop, and they are confident that this can be accomplished by demanding a statutory law, applicable to all of the counties, and which will remain in force and effect until the constitutional amendment can be voted upon by the people, and if adopted the statutory measure would still be in force and effect.

The National Retail Liquor Dealers' Association is expected to put up a spirited fight and spend the usual amount of money to influence the lawmakers against the proposed legislation, but they will not find it so easy to win the fight as in former years. Public sentiment against the open saloon in Mississippi was never so strong as now, and it seems that the saloonists might as well yield to the inevitable.

The elective judiciary, legislative apportionment and tax equalization questions are also commanding a full share of public attention, and much sentiment is being aroused in their behalf. Organizations are being perfected in behalf of each, and with good generalship they can at least be put through the legislature and submitted to the people for ratification.

### Surprise Store's Big Sale.

Special attention is called to the advertisement of the Surprise Store in this issue. The proprietors of this store have been for several years holding a mid-winter and a mid-summer clearing sale. The purpose of these sales is the selling off of all reasonable goods, clearing out all merchandise that would otherwise have to be carried over till another season and then sold at a discount because of style changes, etc. Now, while this merchandise is still stylish and very desirable, and while there is plenty of time to wear it, they are offering price inducements in order to close out.

Probably no firm in town realizes more keenly the necessity for making a dollar go as far as it can, and hence they offer during this sale bargains throughout the store that will make a dollar do its utmost. Be ready at the opening of the sale next Wednesday and get there quickly, as their best bargains are so attractive that they will be picked up by those who get there first.

Messrs. James O'Neill and James Parsons left last week for Chicago, where they will take courses in one of the business colleges of the Windy City.

## RAILROADS WILL GIVE LOW RATES

CIVILIANS VISITING COLUMBUS  
DURING STATE ENCAMP-  
MENT WILL SECURE  
VERY LOW RATES.

Encampment is Inciting Interest in  
All Parts of the State, and a  
Large Number of Visitors  
Will Attend Meeting.

Prospects for the success of the annual encampment of the Mississippi National Guard, which begins here Tuesday, August 6th, and continues ten days, are most encouraging. The encampment is inciting interest not only in military circles, but among the public generally, and it is believed that in addition to the twelve hundred officers and enlisted men who will attend the encampment, there will be at least one thousand civilians present.

The railroads have offered very liberal rates for the occasion. Secretary Sykes, of the Progressive Union, has for several weeks past been in correspondence with Mr. Jno. E. Beall, general passenger agent of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, in regard to rates, and in order that the public may fully understand the rates that will be offered the following letter from Mr. Beall is published:

"St. Louis, July 8, 1907.

"Mr. I. H. Sykes, Secretary,  
Columbus, Miss.:

"Dear Sir—Referring to your esteemed favor of June 29, which has just come to hand, in regard to the annual encampment of the Mississippi National Guard in your city on August 6 to 16, will say we have been in correspondence on this subject for some time, and have arranged to authorize very liberal rates and arrangements for the movement of the troops of the Mississippi National Guard from points on our line from which these troops will move; also have arranged to move number of troops in connection with other lines in Mississippi.

"For the use of the general public we have arranged to announce the rate of one first-class fare, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip from all points in Mississippi, observing minimum selling rate of fifty cents, tickets to be sold August 6 to 15, inclusive, with final return limit to leave Columbus up to and including August 16, all of which, under the circumstances, I trust will prove entirely satisfactory to yourself and all others interested. Yours truly,

"Jno. M. Beall, G. P. A."

### Encampment Notes.

Rearing its tall head above the surrounding plain, the ponderous flag poll will soon stand to mark general headquarters. It is Governor Vardaman's hope and wish that old Lowndes may receive every dollar of the money spent in entertaining the soldiers, and to that end those in authority decided that all bids would be opened in Columbus. So let all merchants, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers resolve to put so low a price and such excellent goods that not one dollar of the \$40,000 will leave our county. Wake up and reach after this fine sum. It is equal to eight hundred bales of cotton added to our receipts; will pay for one hundred cars of corn, and all at a time when ready cash is at a premium. Every one who has rooms to rent or wishes boarders must see Secretary I. H. Sykes, of the Progressive Union, at once. Have him put your name on list to send you boarders during encampment time. We are short of hotels now, and such nice people come as visitors that you will enjoy having them in your house.

The military program for the encampment is being worked out by Capt. E. G. Peyton, U. S. A. While it has not yet been made public, it is known that the program will consist of the general field movements, as used at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, modified to suit local conditions and number of National Guard in attendance; extending order fire drill, setting up motion camps, physical culture, guard duties, and a proper proportion of close orders to conduct parades. All the work will be concentrated in the forenoon, if practicable, so as to give the young men the most of the afternoon to wash up and enjoy themselves.

### Holds Large Crowd Spellbound.

Hickory Flat, Miss., July 11.—Gov. James K. Vardaman spoke here this morning to the largest crowd ever seen here at a political meeting. His speech was along the usual lines, and held the vast audience for more than two hours spellbound. The applause was frequent and hearty. A large number of ladies were in the audience and liberally applauded the speaker.

Governor Vardaman is very popular in this county, and those present today were delighted with his discourse upon national questions. People were here from this (Benoit), Marshall and Union counties.

Messrs. Spencer, Simlar and Henry for insurance commissioner, Edwards for treasurer, and other candidates were announced.

Governor Vardaman left this afternoon for Potts's Camp, where he will speak tonight.

### Impudent Negro Shot.

A Jackson special, bearing date of July 11, says: Earle McGowan, a white man, and Henry Managin, a negro, are locked up in the city prison tonight to await official investigation of an affair in which they were the actors tonight. It appears that the negro was passing along one of the streets of the restricted district, and as he passed the house occupied by a white woman, Mrs. Blanche Campbell, he noticed the woman and one or two others standing in the yard. He addressed them in rather too familiar terms, when one of the women gave him a "piece of her mind" in forcible terms. This angered Managin, who raised his stick and struck Mrs. Campbell over the arms, causing a compound fracture. At this juncture McGowan happened along and inquired the cause of the trouble. Upon being informed he started after the negro, and accosting him intimated that he must accompany him to the police station. To this the negro demurred, and at the same time drew a knife, when McGowan fired one shot into his leg below the knee and held him until the arrival of the police. The affair created considerable excitement, but no further violence was offered the negro. McGowan is charged with shooting and wounding, and the negro with assault and abusive language.

### Prof. Whitfield Takes Charge.

Prof. H. L. Whitfield, who was recently elected to succeed Hon. A. A. Kincannon as president of the Industrial Institute and College, took formal charge of the institution last Thursday. Prof. Whitfield reached the city Thursday morning and remained here only long enough for the institution to be transferred to his care, having returned to Jackson Friday afternoon. As has already been stated in The Dispatch, all the preliminary work for the coming session has been disposed of, and there is little to be done during the summer. For the present Prof. Whitfield will divide his time between Columbus and Jackson, but will at all times be in close touch with the institution and will maintain a general supervision over its affairs. He will take up his permanent residence here about the first of September, on which date his family will take charge of the residence to be vacated by President Kincannon.

Mr. Kincannon, who, as everyone knows, has been elected chancellor of the State University, will leave for Oxford tomorrow. His family will remain here until the first of August, when they will join Mr. Kincannon at his new home.

### Postal Changes in the South.

A Washington special of recent date says: Postmaster General Meyer today announced that a new inspection division of the postal service would be created August 1, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., to be comprised of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Inspector Geo. M. Sutton, of Missouri, will be promoted to inspector in charge of the new division. The San Juan, Porto Rico, division will be abolished and attached to the Washington division. Inspector in Charge Frank M. Hamilton will continue as local inspector at San Juan.

Florida, Georgia and South Carolina are now in the Chattanooga division, but after their withdrawal Mississippi is to be taken from the New Orleans division and added to the Chattanooga division. The changes are ordered as a part of Mr. Meyer's plan for the reorganization of the inspection service through the reassignment of inspectors.